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SUBJECT: ESTABLISHMENT KUWAIT UNIVERSITY SCHOOL OF ENGINEERING

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1. COMMOFF MET WITH DR. ALI, AKBAR, ACTING DEAN KU SCHOOL OF ENGINEERING, CONCERNING THE EQUIPMENT NEEDED IN ESTABLISHING NEW ENGINEERING SCHOOL.

2. INFO AKBAR PROVIDED SOMEWHAT DIFFERENT THAN THAT PREVIOUSLY REPORTED REF A. AKBAR STATED SCHOOL WOULD COMMENCE IN SEPTEMBER 1975 BY TEACHING PREPARATORY SCIENCE AND ENGLISH TO 60-80 PROSPECTIVE STUDENTS. TIME TABLE CALLS FOR ESTABLISHMENT DISCIPLINES OF CIVIL AND ELECTRICAL ENGINEERING IN 1976/77, MECHANICAL ENGINEERING IN 1977/78, AND CHEMICAL AND PETROLEUM ENGINEERING IN 1978/79. IT IS EXPECTED THAT NEW UNIVERSITY CAMPUS INCLUDING SCHOOL OF ENGINEERING WOULD BE COMPLETED IN 1980.

AKBAR EXPRESSED INTEREST IN EVENTUALLY ESTABLISHING CO-OPERATIVE ARRANGEMENTS WITH US ENGINEERING SCHOOLS.

3. AKBAR'S IMMEDIATE NEEDS ARE TO RECRUIT FACULTY FOR NEXT YEAR AND PROCURE NEEDED LANGUAGE AND ENGINEERING LABORATORY EQUIPMENT. HE TOLD EMBOFF THAT INSTRUCTION WOULD BE IN ENGLISH AND SCHOOL'S FIRST PREFERENCE WOULD BE RECRUITMENT WELL QUALIFIED ARAB-AMERICANS AND SUBSEQUENTLY OTHER AMERICANS.

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4. REQUEST COMMERCE NOTIFY LANGUAGE AND ENGINEERING LABORATORY EQUIPMENT ANUFACTURERS AND HAVE THEM SEND CATALOGS WITH PRICES AND ANY OTHER RELEVANT INFORMATION CONCERNING THEIR PRODUCTS TO DR. ALI M. AKBAR, GEOLOGY DEPT., SCIENCE COLLEGE, KUWAIT UNIVERSITY, TEL: 811188, EXT 439.

5. COMMENT: APPEARS KU COMPLETELY SERIOUS IN THEIR DESIRE ESTABLISH ENGINEERING SCHOOL NEXT YEAR, ALTHOUGH IS UNCERTAIN IF THEY CAN MEET THEIR TIME TABLE. ESTABLISHMENT OF SCHOOL WILL PROVIDE EXCELLENT OPPORTUNITIES FOR SALES US EDUCATIONAL EQUIPMENT AND MATERIALS AS KUWAIT UNIVERSITY HAS GENEROUS BUDGET AND PERMITTED TO BUY DIRECTLY WITHOUT GOING THROUGH LABORIOUS TENDERING PROCEDURES REQUIRED BY MOST GOK BODIES.
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